

Testimony submitted in support of HB 6200
Public Hearing

Dear Representative Lyddy and Members of the Public Health Committee:
My name is Linda Rosati. I currently live in Plainfield and have been a resident of CT for 26 years.

The reason for this letter is to ask for your help to pass HB #6200.
I've suffered with lyme disease for over 10 years. For 8 years my family physician told me that he couldn't find anything wrong with me. He made me feel like I was a hypochondriac because I was constantly going to him with medical issues.
In January 2007, I was diagnosed with lyme disease by a lyme literate Doctor in CT. I am very fortunate to have found a Doctor in CT that will treat my lyme disease. I know that my Doctor is putting his license and his livelihood on the line every time he treats a lyme patient. I am very concerned about the recent history of lawsuits and medical licenses being revoked from Doctors who treat this illness.

I would be bed ridden today if not for my treatment. I travel 2 hours one way every six weeks to see my physician. I have health insurance yet I have to pay for all of my expenses out of pocket. Why? Because the current IDSA guidelines do not acknowledge chronic lyme disease. I ask, if chronic lyme disease doesn't exist, then what is wrong with me? Over the last ten years I've been tested and retested for other illness to no avail.

Currently, I am staying in California to be able to continue my necessary treatment. Ct Blue Cross/Blue Shield is denying my IV treatment which is medically necessary.
Currently, I have outstanding bills that BC/BS is denying to the tune of \$14,000 for two months of treatment.

We need to protect all Doctors who treat tick borne illnesses. If they aren't protected then they will not be able to treat and it will cost the taxpayers a whole lot more money in the end. Something needs to be done and soon.

Thank you in advance for your attention and action.

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